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REPORT

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IN

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1893.

The present report has been prepared in the usual form. The statements and tables appended hereto are similar to those appended to the report for 1892, except as regards Statements 2 and 6 and Table H, which have been revised, and Statement 8, which has been omitted, with the sanction of the Government of India. No change has been reported as regards the area and population of the Province since 1891, when the last census was taken, nor has any alteration been made during the year under review in the jurisdiction of the Courts.

Area, Population, and Jurisdiction.

2. There were in the Province, as in 1892, 3 District Judges, 7 Subordinate Judges and 31 Munsifs. Officers of the Judicial Branch of the Provincial Civil Service are employed only in the district of Sylhet, where there were during the year 1 regular Subordinate Judge and 10 Munsifs; the additional Munsif employed in the district of Sylhet since May, 1890, was made permanent during the year. Elsewhere in the Province, Executive Officers are vested with powers under the Bengal, North-Western Provinces and Assam Civil Courts Act. Of the 19 Munsifs employed in the Assam Valley Districts, 6 were attached to Sibsagar, 4 to Kamrup, 3 to each of the districts of Goalpara and Lakhimpur, 2 to Darrang and 1 to Nowgong.

Judicial Officers.

The number of Munsifs exercising the powers of a Court of Small Causes in the Assam Valley Districts was 9 at the close of the year, as against 7 at the end of 1892, and the number in Sylhet was 6, as against 5 in the previous year. Towards the close of the year the Small Cause Court jurisdiction of some of the Munsifs in Sylhet was raised from R50 to R100, and that of the Subordinate Judge from R100 to R500. One officer also exercised the powers of a Court of Small Causes in Cachar.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

I.—CIVIL COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

3. As compared with the returns for 1892, the returns under review show an increase in the number of suits instituted, suits decided and suits pending. The following are the statistics for the two years mentioned :—

Original Suits instituted, disposed of, and pending. [*Table A.*]

Civil Courts.

	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1892	22,975	23,693	3,324*
1893	24,788	24,591	3,993
	(Increase) 1,813	(Increase) 898	(Increase) 669

* Revised figures.

No suits came before the Revenue Courts of the Province.

4. The total number of original suits instituted throughout the Province in 1893 was greater than in any of the previous three years. In the Assam

Valley Districts, Sylhet and Cachar, there was in each instance an increase as compared with the figures for the preceding year, which, in the case of Sylhet, is accounted for by the larger number of rent suits filed at Habigunge, where, it is said, owing to the floods of the preceding year, landlords found it difficult to realize their rents without recourse to the Law Courts.

Original Suits disposed of.

5. The number of original suits heard and determined was 24,591, as compared with 23,693 in the previous year, the result being an increase of 898 cases. Cachar alone showed a decrease, and it was of only 7 cases. The increase in Sylhet is attributed to the good effect produced by the comparatively recent orders of the High Court, which require District Judges to submit with their quarterly returns concise statements showing the outturn of each officer and stating whether it can be regarded as sufficient.

State of the pending files. [*Table B.*]

6. The aggregate number of suits remaining under trial was greater than at the end of 1892, the increase being due to the increase in institutions. There were on the 31st December, 1893, 38 cases on the files of the Civil Courts of the Province which had been pending for more than a year, as against 33 similarly pending at the end of 1892. Of these 38 cases, 34 were in the Courts of Sylhet, *viz.*, 4 before the District Judge, 28 before the Subordinate Judge, and 2 before the Munsifs of Sylhet and Moulvi Bazar, while the remaining 4 cases were pending before the Subordinate Judge of Goalpara.

Number and Value of Suits instituted as compared with 1892. [*Table C.*]

7. The following statement exhibits the number and value of the suits instituted during each of the last two years :—

	Number of suits instituted.		Value in litigation.	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
			R	R
Assam Valley Districts . .	8,946	9,389	7,25,673	8,36,812
Sylhet	12,553	13,836	28,99,243	14,00,943
Cachar	1,476	1,563	95,424	1.18.166

The increase in the value of suits in the Assam Valley Districts and Cachar corresponds with the increase in the number of suits instituted. In Sylhet, on the other hand, while there was an increase in the number of suits instituted, there was a considerable decrease in their aggregate value, the explanation given being that 3 suits of unusually high value had been instituted in the previous year. The average value of the suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Province during 1893 was R95, as compared with R161 and R95 in 1892 and 1891, respectively.

Value in detail of Suits instituted. [*Annual Statement 3.*]

8. The following statement shows in detail the value of the suits instituted during the year 1893 :—

	Number of Suits			
	Assam Valley Districts.	Sylhet.	Cachar.	Total.
Not exceeding R 10	1,745	2,692	285	4,722
" " " 50	4,255	6,721	720	11,696
" " " 100	1,748	2,482	305	4,535
" " " 500	1,395	1,674	226	3,295
" " " 1,000	106	132	20	258
" " " 5,000	44	67	7	118
" " " 10,000	11	6	...	17
" " " 1,00,000	3	10	...	13
Exceeding " 1,00,000	...	...	...	...
Value not denotable in money	82	52	...	134
Total .	9,389	13,836	1,563	24,788

A comparison between these figures and those of the previous year indicates that in the Assam Valley Districts the number of suits between R1,000 and R10,000 in value was 55, the same as in the previous year, while the value of suits above R10,000 increased from 1 to 3, and that of suits the value of which was not denotable in money, from 44 to 82. In Sylhet there were 73 suits, valued at between R1,000 and R10,000, as compared with 103 suits in the previous year and 10, as against 3 in 1892, valued at above R10,000. Suits exceeding R1,00,000 and those the value of which was not denotable in money, numbered *nil* and 52, respectively, as against 3 and 76 in the previous year.

1890	85·1
1891	83·5
1892	83·4
1893	84·5

The figures reproduced on the margin show the proportion of suits the value of which did not exceed R100.

9. The following statement gives the average value of the suits instituted in each district:—

	1891.	1892.	1893.
	R	R	R
Assam Valley Districts	98·6	81·1	89·1
Sylhet	96·7	230·9	101·2
Cachar	70·9	64·6	75·6

10. The annexed table shows the number of suits of each class instituted during the years 1892 and 1893:— Classification of Suits instituted. [*Table D.*]

	1892.	1893.
Small Cause Court class	16,853	17,588
Rent Suits	2,858	3,526
Other classes	3,264	3,674

In respect of the number of suits for money or movables, the Assam Valley Districts show a net increase of 503, or 6·3 per cent., Sylhet of 184, or 2·4 per cent., and Cachar of 48, or 3·7 per cent. As regards rent suits, there was an increase of 668, or 23·3 per cent., in the total number instituted, Sylhet showing an increase of 740, or 31·2 per cent., and the Assam Valley Districts and Cachar a decrease of 69 and 3, or 16·3 and 4·4 per cent., respectively. Of title suits, there was an increase of 410, or 12·5 per cent., Sylhet showing an increase of 359, or 13·9 per cent., Cachar of 42, or 31·3 per cent., and the Assam Valley Districts of 9, or 1·6 per cent. The increase of title suits in Sylhet is ascribed to the fact that mortgage suits, which used hitherto to be treated as suits for money or movables, are now required to be included under the head of Title and other suits.

11. Of the 17,588 suits for money or movables instituted in 1893, 7,977, or 45·3 per cent., the same as in 1892, were disposed of by Judicial Officers exercising the powers of a Court of Small Causes for the trial of suits cognizable by such Courts not exceeding R500 in value.

12. The average value of suits for money or movables was R88·1, as compared with R84·4 in 1892. Rent suits were of an average value of R32·4 and title and other suits of an average value of R188·02, the corresponding figures for the previous twelve months being R25·4 and R681·6, respectively. Value of Suits of each class instituted. [*Table E.*]

13. The percentage for the past two years of petty money suits not exceeding R50 in value instituted in the Assam Valley Districts, Sylhet and Cachar is shown below :—

	Percentage.	
	1892.	1893.
Assam Valley Districts	63·4	63·6
Sylhet	58·07	61·03
Cachar	59·5	65·05

Detailed classification of Rent Suits and Title and other Suits instituted in 1892 and 1893.

14. The following statement shows the character of the rent suits and title and other suits instituted during each of the last two years. In the case of suits for money or movables, the same details are no longer required :—

Suits under the Rent Law.

	1892.	1893.
Suits for arrears of rent	2,805	3,467
„ for enhancement or abatement of rent	15	4
„ relating to distraint	1	*
„ for damages	2	7
„ for pottas or kabuliats	2	*
„ for ejectment	24	34
„ for recovery of money or accounts from agents	4	*
Other suits under the Rent Law	5	14
TOTAL	2,858	3,526

Title and other Suits.

	Number of Suits.		Proportion of each class to the total number.	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Suits for immovable property	1,417	1,583	43·42	43·08
„ for declaratory decrees	34	*	1·05	*
Other suits under the Specific Relief Act	1,216	1,318	37·25	35·90
Suits to declare and establish right to real property	210	21	6·44	·57
„ to declare and establish right to personal property	75		2·29	
Mortgage suits	†	436	†	11·87
Suits for an account	11	*	·34	*
„ relating to religious endowments	1	1	·03	·02
„ to set aside judgments, etc., on the ground of fraud	6	*	·18	*
„ for dissolution of marriage	3	195	·09	5·30
„ for enforcement of matrimonial rights	205		6·29	
„ for partition	8	*	·24	*
„ for dissolution of partnership	1	*	·03	*
„ under Section 261, Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act)	18	17	·55	·46
Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads	59	103	1·80	2·80
TOTAL	3,264	3,674	100·	100·

* NOTE.—Since the beginning of 1893 suits under these headings have not been distinguished in the return.
† Before 1893 mortgage suits were classed as suits for money or movables.

15. The manner in which suits were dealt with by the Civil Courts of the Province during each of the last five years may be gathered from the following table:— Disposed of Suits. [*Tables F and F 2*]

	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc.	Decided *ex parte*	Contested.	TOTAL.
1889	9,494	9,587	5,971	25,052
1890	10,195	8,781	6,293	25,269
1891	9,212	7,333	6,438	22,983
1892	9,544	7,605	6,544	23,693
1893	9,978	7,875	6,738	24,591

As already stated, there was an increase of 898 in the total number of suits decided in the Province. Of the districts in the Assam Valley, Sibsagar, Darrang and Goalpara show an increase of 323, 144 and 122, and Lakhimpur, Nowgong and Kamrup a decrease of 74, 59 and 32, respectively. In Sylhet, there was an increase of 481 in the number of suits disposed of, and in Cachar a decrease of 7.

There was a total increase of 434 in cases withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc., Sylhet, the Assam Valley Districts and Cachar showing an increase of 253, 131 and 50, respectively.

As compared with the previous year, there was a net increase of 270 in *ex parte* decisions, Sylhet and the Assam Valley Districts showing an increase of 232 and 124, respectively, and Cachar a decrease of 86.

16. The number of contested suits decided shows a net increase of 194, the Assam Valley Districts and Cachar returning an increase of 169 and 29, respectively, and Sylhet a decrease of 4. The following table shows the proportion of cases contested in these districts:—

	Percentage.	
	1892.	1893.
Assam Valley Districts	33·6	33·8
Sylhet	24·7	23·8
Cachar	15·4	17·4
	27·6	27·4

In the Assam Valley Districts the proportion of contested cases was largest in Sibsagar, where the percentage was 37·9. The number of cases decided under the Indian Oaths Act (X of 1873, Section 9) was again higher in Nowgong than in any other district.

Of the total number of contested cases (3,257) decided in the Assam Valley Districts, 823, or 25·2 per cent., were decided under the summary procedure of Small Cause Courts, and 2,434, or 74·8 per cent., under the ordinary procedure, against 27·5 and 72·5 per cent., respectively, in the previous year. In Sylhet, out of 3,224 contested cases 634, or 19·6 per cent., were decided under the summary procedure, and 2,590, or 80·4 per cent., under the ordinary procedure, against 19·7 and 80·3 per cent., respectively, in the previous year. In Cachar,

out of 257 contested cases 43, or 16·7 per cent., were decided under the summary procedure, and 214, or 83·3 per cent., under the ordinary procedure, against 18·8 and 81·2 per cent., respectively, in the preceding year.

17. Of the total number of suits disposed of during the year, 16,614 were dealt with under the ordinary procedure and 7,977 under the summary procedure of Small Cause Courts.

18. The following tabular statement furnishes fuller details of the manner in which suits were disposed of in the Civil Courts of Assam during each of the last three years:—

	1891.	1892.	1893.
Plaint rejected or cases dismissed for default or withdrawn	5,563	5,622	5,689
Dismissed *ex parte* or judgment for defendants	2,151	2,210	2,078
Arbitration in favour of defendants	15	24	23
Plaintiffs unsuccessful	7,729 (33·63 per cent. of the whole.)	7,856 (33·15 per cent. of the whole.)	7,790 (31·69 per cent. of the whole.)
Decreed *ex parte* or on confession or judgment for plaintiffs	13,056	13,351	13,874
Arbitration in favour of plaintiffs	45	47	48
Plaintiffs successful	13,101 (57·00 per cent. of the whole.)	13,398 (56·55 per cent. of the whole.)	13,922 (56·61 per cent. of the whole.)
Compromised	2,153 (9 37 per cent. of the whole.)	2,439 (10·30 per cent. of the whole.)	2,879 (11·70 per cent. of the whole.)

Applications to set aside an *ex parte* Judgment, or a Judgment on default. [*Table G.*]

19. The following statement shows for the past two years the number of cases dismissed on default or decreed *ex parte*, as also the number of applications for the setting aside of the judgments passed in such cases:—

	1892.	1893.
Number of cases dismissed on default or decreed *ex parte*	13,465	13,955
„ of applications to set aside judgments in such cases	652	644
„ of such applications granted	354	394

20. The proportion of applications to set aside *ex parte* judgments to the total number of cases decreed *ex parte* was 2 76, as against 3·14, the proportion being higher in the Assam Valley Districts than elsewhere in the Province. The proportion of applications granted to the total number made was 61·1 per cent., as compared with 54·2 in 1892. It was highest in Kamrup (72·6), Sibsagar (72), Goalpara (66·6), Sylhet (61·6), and lowest in Lakhimpur and Darrang (60·7), Cachar (58·3) and Nowgong (40·4).

21. The results of applications for the execution of decrees during the last three years are shown in the following table:— Applications for the Execution of Decrees. [*Table H.*]

	1891.	1892.	1893.
Number on which satisfaction was obtained in full	3,191	3,063	3,030
Number on which satisfaction was obtained in part	2,657	2,699	2,660
Amount realized . . . . . ₹	4,90,809	4,31,203	3,92,087

22. As compared with the previous year, there was a decrease of 508 in the number of applications for the execution of decrees dealt with, followed by a corresponding decrease of ₹39,116 in the amount realized, the greatest decrease being, as in the previous year, in Sylhet.

23. The annexed table furnishes information as to some of the principal measures adopted during the last two years for the satisfaction of decrees in each district:— Number of coercive processes.

	1892.			1893.		
	Assam.	Sylhet.	Cachar.	Assam.	Sylhet.	Cachar.
Judgment-debtors imprisoned	29	15	1	26	14	1
Movable property sold	343	345	21	341	367	22
Immovable property sold	248	577	27	247	492	37

24. In addition to the above, there were 374 cases in which movable property, and 322 cases in which immovable property, was attached but subsequently released under Section 275 of the Code of Civil Procedure. In 9 cases the immovable property of the judgment-debtor was dealt with under Section 305, 322 or 326 of the Code, and in 17 and 928 cases possession was given of movable and immovable property respectively. In 8 cases specific performance was enforced. In no case was partition effected under Section 265. Against 41 cases in which the judgment-debtors were imprisoned for debt, there were 144 in which they were released after arrest. In 1,047 instances various other means were adopted in order to effect execution. As compared with 1892, there was an increase of 21 in the number of cases in which movable property was sold, and a decrease of 49 in the number in which execution was effected otherwise than shown. The total number of judgment-debtors imprisoned shows a decrease of 4, and that of sales of immovable property a decrease of 76.

25. The following table shows the number of applications for declaration of insolvency filed, decided and remaining undisposed of in each of the last two years:— Proceedings in Insolvency. [*Tables W, W1, W 2.*]

	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1892	41	42	9
1893	36	33	12.

Inclusive of 9 applications pending at the close of 1892, there were 45 on the file during 1893, of which 21 were decided by specially empowered Subordinate Judges in the Assam Valley Districts, 8 by the District Judge of Sylhet, and 4 by the Deputy Commissioner of Cachar.

Of the 45 applications, 13 were withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted, 11 were granted, 9 were rejected, and 12 were pending at the close of the year.

26. The following comparative statement shows the number of persons declared insolvents and the number of those who obtained their discharge during the past year and that immediately preceding it :—

	Declared to be insolvents.	Discharged.	Pending.
1892	12	11	1
1893	11	11	1

27. The classes of persons declared insolvents during the year under review are shown below :—

	Assam Valley Districts.	Sylhet.	Cachar.	TOTAL.
Tea Garden Manager	1	...	...	1
Contractor	1	...	...	1
Shop-keeper	1	...	...	1
Cultivator	5	1	...	6
Priest	...	1	...	1
Petition Writer	...	...	1	1
TOTAL	8	2	1	11

28. Three estates were placed in the hands of Receivers in the course of the year.

29. The following comparative table shows the amounts realized and disbursed by Receivers during the years 1892 and 1893 :—

	Amount realized.	Amount disbursed.	Balance.
	R	R	R
1892	206	155	257*
1893	56	11	253

* Revised figures.

In the Assam Valley Districts and Cachar claims on estates in the hands of Receivers to the amount of R3,100 were satisfied, while the value of claims remaining unsatisfied in those Districts and in Sylhet and Cachar amounted to R54,254.

Original Miscellaneous Cases. [*Table I.*]

30. The following statement shows the number of original miscellaneous cases of a judicial nature instituted and decided in the Civil Courts during the years 1891, 1892 and 1893, and the number pending at the close of each :—

	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1891	2,145	2,162	296*
1892	2,208	2,229	276*
1893	2,262	2,222	324

* Revised figures.

31. Annexed are details indicative of the manner in which miscellaneous judicial cases were dealt with in 1892 and 1893:— Miscellaneous Judicial Cases how disposed of [*Statement 4,— Part II.*]

	1892.	1893.
Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc.	394	475
Decided *ex parte*	716	747
Contested	1,119	1,000
TOTAL	2,229	2,222
Percentage of contested cases	50·2	45 004

Of the 1,000 cases which were contested, the petitioners were successful in 62·7 per cent.

32. Statistics in connection with the miscellaneous non-judicial cases instituted and decided under the Rent Law in the Civil Courts of Sylhet during the two years 1892 and 1893 are given in the following table:—

	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Applications for deposit of rent	286	435	287	426	3	12
" " assistance to distrain	32	5	37	14	5	...
" " sale of distrained property	15	14	9	22	14	2
TOTAL	335	454	333	462	22	14

33. The number of contested and uncontested original suits decided by the Courts of each class during the last two years is shown below:— Number of Original Suits decided with or without contest. [*Annual Statement 4,— Part I.*]

	Contested.		Uncontested.	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
District Judges	13	20	7	4
Subordinate Judges	106	112	266	232
Munsifs	6,425	6,606	16,876	17,617
TOTAL	6,544	6,738	17,149	17,853

34. The average duration of suits, contested and uncontested, before the different grades of Courts during the year is exhibited in the subjoined statement:— Average duration of Suits. [*Table Q.*]

	District Judges.		Subordinate Judges.		Munsifs.	
	M.	D.	M.	D.	M.	D.
Contested	6	7	9	4	2	27
Uncontested	6	27	1	29	1	14

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

I.—THE HIGH COURT.

Appeals filed. [*Table X.*]

35. The following table shows the number of first and second appea against the decrees of the Courts in Assam preferred to, and decided by, th High Court during the years 1892 and 1893, and the number remaining ur decided at the close of each of these years :—

	Preferred.		Decided.		Pending.	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
First Appeals.						
From Decrees	9	11	11	9	11	13
„ Orders	11	5	4	8	10	7
Second Appeals.						
From Decrees	52	88	60	45	48	91
„ Orders	3	5	3	4	3	4

Districts from which Appeals came. [*Table Y.*]

36. Of the 11 appeals from original decrees filed in 1893, 5 were fro Sylhet, 4 from Goalpara and 2 from Cachar.

Of the 88 appeals from appellate decrees, 41 (46·5 per cent.) were fro Sylhet, 29 from the Assam Valley Districts (*viz.*, Goalpara 19, Sibsagar Darrang 2, Kamrup 1 and Nowgong 1) and 18 from Cachar.

Of the 10 miscellaneous appeals preferred, 7 were from Sylhet and 3 fro the Assam Valley Districts (*viz.*, Sibsagar 2 and Goalpara 1).

No third appeals under the Letters Patent were heard during the year.

There were 11 appeals in suits not exceeding R50 in value decided b two Judges, and 2 decided by a single Judge of the High Court.

Value of Appeals. [*Table Y.*]

37. Of the 11 appeals from original decrees preferred in 1893, 7 were value at below R10,000. Of the appeals from the decrees of Subordinate Appella Courts, 31 were in suits valued at not more than R50.

Result of Appeals. [*Table Z.*]

38. Inclusive of such appeals as were pending at the close of 1892, 2 appeals from original decrees were on the files during 1892. Of these, 9 onl were decided during the year, 3 being confirmed, 2 reversed, 3 compromised, an 1 dismissed on default.

There were altogether 136 appeals from the decisions of Subordinate Appellate Courts before the High Court during 1893, 48 of the number having been pending at the close of the former year. Forty-five appeals in all were decided, 26 being from the decisions of District Judges and 19 from those of Subordinate Judges. The results are shown below :—

	Decrees confirmed.	Decrees reversed	Decrees modified.	Decrees remanded.	Appeals dismissed in default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.	Appeals summarily rejected.
District Judges .	8	3	1	4	1	1	1	7
Subordinate Judges .	7	2	1	3	...	1	...	5

There were altogether 23 miscellaneous appeals on the files during 1893, 13 pending from 1892 being included. Of these 12 were decided, 9 being affirmed, 2 reversed and 1 remanded.

II.—APPELLATE COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

39. The following table shows the number of appeals instituted and disposed of in the Civil Appellate Courts of Assam during the years 1891, 1892 and 1893, as well as the number pending at the close of each of these years :— Appeals instituted. [*Table J.*]

	1891.	1892.	1893.
Instituted	975	1,058	1,082
Decided	890	949	1,053
Pending	689	811	847

There was a net increase of 24 in the number of appeals instituted, the Assam Valley Districts showing an increase of 99, and Sylhet and Cachar a decrease of 74 and 1, respectively.

40. The proportion of appeals actually preferred to the 4,341 cases in which an appeal lay to the Subordinate Appellate Courts was 24·92 per cent., as compared with 25 35 per cent. in 1892. The most favourable results in this respect are to be found in Cachar (35), and the least favourable in Sibsagar (14 02). Ratio of Appeals to Decisions. [*Table K.*]

The following statement distinguishes appeals preferred during the year against the decrees of Subordinate Judges and Munsifs, from the number of appealable decrees made by these Judicial Officers :—

	Subordinate Judges.	Munsifs
Number of decrees in contested cases against which an appeal lay to the Subordinate Appellate Courts	67	4,274
Number of appeals preferred	43	1,039
Ratio of appeals to appealable decrees	64·17	24·30

41. The number of appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Appellate Courts during the last two years is given below :— Appeals classified. [*Table L.*]

	1892	1893.
In suits for money or movables	474	517
„ title or other suits	429	414
„ suits under the Rent Law	155	151

42. The value of each class of appeals preferred during the last two years is exhibited in the following table :— Appeals valued. [*Table M.*]

	1892.	1893
	R	R
In suits for money or movables	82,663	1,00,402
title or other suits	43,785	66,953
„ suits under the Rent Law	7,638	5,466
TOTAL	1,34,086	1,72,821

Value of Appeals in detail.

43. The annexed table furnishes details regarding the value of the appeals of each class instituted in the course of the year under review :—

	In cases for money or movables.	In cases under the Rent Law	In title and other suits.
Not exceeding R 10	13	55	52
" " " 50	128	65	159
" " " 100	156	25	71
" " " 500	178	5	86
" " " 1,000	31	1	8
" " " 5,000	11	...	16
Value not denotable in money	...	...	22
TOTAL	517	151	414

As compared with the figures for 1892, there was an increase in the number of money appeals and a decrease in that of rent and title appeals.

Of the total number of appeals in 1893, 1,039, or 96·02 per cent., were cognizable by District and Subordinate Judges, and 43, or 3·98 per cent., by District Judges alone, the Court of first instance being that of a Subordinate Judge.

In 724, or 66·91 per cent. of the total number of appeals, the property in litigation did not exceed R100 in value; in 336, or 31·06 per cent.; the value exceeded that amount; and in 22, or 2·03 per cent., it was not denotable in money.

Appeals how decided. [*Table N.*]

44. The number of appeals decided after hearing was 1,021. The figures for the last three years are shown in juxtaposition below :—

	Number.			Percentage.		
	1891.	1892.	1893.	1891.	1892.	1893.
Confirmed	642	656	736	74·7	71·7	72·1
Modified	72	68	94	8·3	7·5	9·3
Reversed	124	163	153	14·4	17·7	14·9
Remanded	22	29	38	2·6	3·1	3·7

As in 1892, the results of appeals were most creditable to the Courts of first instance in Sylhet, where the percentage of decisions upheld was 77·8 against 80·8 in 1892. In the Assam Valley Districts the percentage of decisions upheld was 65·7 against 58·8, and in Cachar 61·7 against 63·6.

Miscellaneous Appeals. [*Table O.*]

45. The numbers of miscellaneous appeals instituted and decided during each of the past three years and pending at the close of each are compared in the following table :—

	1891.	1892.	1893.
Instituted	87	105	71
Decided	82	111	85
Pending	30	25	13

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE.

46. The number of days devoted by District Judges to their civil judicial work was more by 26 than in 1892. The following table gives further details:— Work done by District Judges. [*Table P 1.*]

	Days.		Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Sessions Trials.	Crmi nal Appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1892 . .	220	257	20	376	413	96	81	509
1893 . . .	246	205	24	327	573	49	116	522
	+26	—52	+4	—49	+160	—47	+35	+13
	—26		+116					

The District Judge of Sylhet devoted 114 days to civil judicial work in 1893 as against 138 in 1892, while the Deputy Commissioner of Cachar and the Judge of the Assam Valley Districts sat for the disposal of civil work on 85 and 47 days, respectively, against 39 and 43 in 1892.

Of the 24 original suits disposed of in 1893, 10 were decided by the District Judge of Sylhet against 7 in 1892, and 7 each by the Judge of the Assam Valley Districts and the Deputy Commissioner of Cachar against 7 and 6 in 1892.

The number of appeals disposed of by the District Judge of Sylhet, the Judge of the Assam Valley Districts and the Deputy Commissioner of Cachar was 263, 161 and 149, against 284, 107 and 22, respectively, in 1892.

47. The tabular statement annexed shows the work done by Subordinate Judges in Assam during each of the last two years:— Work done by Subordinate Judges. [*Table P 3.*]

	Original Suits.		Miscellaneous (Judicial) Cases.	Applications for the execution of decrees.	Appeals.	
	Tried under ordinary procedure.	Tried under Small Cause Court procedure.			Regular	Miscellaneous.
1892	161	211	186	210	536	15
1893	153	191	222	183	480	36

48. All the original suits shown as tried under the Small Cause Court procedure were decided by the Subordinate Judge of Sylhet, who is the only Subordinate Judge in Assam belonging to the Judicial Branch of the Provincial Civil Service. The work disposed of by that officer alone during the past two years will appear from the following statement:—

	Original Suits.		Miscellaneous Judicial Cases.	Applications for the execution of decrees.	Appeals.	
	Tried under ordinary procedure.	Tried under Small Cause Court procedure.			Regular.	Miscellaneous.
1892 . . .	109	211	37	150	155	...
1893 . . .	99	191	39	135	148	...

49. There was, on the whole, a decrease in the original, as well as in the appellate, work disposed of by Subordinate Judges in Assam during the past year.

Work done by Munsifs. [*Table P 4.*]

50. The number of original suits decided by Munsifs during the past two years is shown below :—

	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc	Decided, *ex parte.*	Contested.	TOTAL.
1892.				
Under ordinary procedure	6,198	4,747	4,928	15,873
„ Small Cause Court powers	3,239	2,692	1,497	7,428
TOTAL	9,437	7,439	6,425	23,301
1893.				
Under ordinary procedure	6,626	4,674	5,137	16,437
„ Small Cause Court powers	3,264	3,053	1,469	7,786
TOTAL	9,890	7,727	6,606	24,223

As in the previous year, the Second Munsif of Habigunge decided the largest number (835) of original suits after contest, the Munsif of Nowgong coming next with 560 cases, the Munsif of Sonamgunge third with 475 cases and the Munsif of Gauhati fourth with 420 cases.

51. In the following statement the number of miscellaneous cases of each class decided by the Munsifs of Assam during the past year is compared with the corresponding figures for 1892 :—

	1892.	1893.
Applications for execution of decrees	5,528	5,503
Miscellaneous (judicial) cases	1,667	1,673
Miscellaneous (non-judicial) cases	333	462
TOTAL	7,528	7,638

As in the previous year, applications for the execution of decrees were most numerous in the Second Court of Habigunge (653), and miscellaneous judicial cases in the Court of the Munsif of Gauhati (170).

The Third Munsif of Habigunge decided the largest number of miscellaneous non-judicial cases (275).

Civil Court Amin. [*Table U.*]

52. During the financial year 1893-94, the receipts on account of the employment of Civil Court Amins in the Assam Valley Districts aggregated R3,335, while the disbursements reached the sum of R3,197. In Sylhet the receipts amounted to R2,424, and the disbursements to R1,961, and in Cachar R264, out of R267, was disbursed during the year. As has been reported on previous occasions, no permanent Civil Court Amins were employed in the Assam Valley Districts or in Cachar, ticca Amins being entertained when required.

Local Enquiries. [*Table V.*]

53. Enquiries were completed in 235 cases, as compared with 174 in 1892. The average value of the suits concerned was R93, as compared with R115 in 1892; while the average cost of deputation was R15, as compared with R24 in the preceding year.

Judicial buildings.

54. It is reported that the judicial buildings of all the districts in the Assam Valley and Sylhet were maintained in fair order. The Deputy Commissioner

of Cachar reports that the judicial buildings have been repaired and are in good order.

55. The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the Civil Courts in the Province during the last three years:— Receipts and Charges of the Civil Courts. [*Tables R & S.*]

	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Surplus.
	R	R	R
1891	3,66,995	2,27,090	1,39,905
1892	3,49,868	2,34,162	1,15,706
1893	3,66,360	2,46,440*	1,19,920
Increase in 1893 as compared with 1892	16,492	12,278	4,214

* Including Exchange Compensation Allowance.

56. Further details of the receipts and charges of the Civil Courts during the last two years are supplied below:—

		Receipts.				Charges.	
		1892.	1893.			1892.	1893.
		R	R			R	R
In Stamps	Process fees	1,01,106	1,03,088	Salaries of	Judicial officers	1,00,221	1,06,446
	Other fees	2,25,247	2,33,100		Process-servers	41,006	44,077
In Cash or Special Stamps.	Fines	904	1,417		Establishment. Salaried Copying and Comparing Clerks	1,952	2,067
	Copying and comparing fees	15,361	15,945		Establishment. Others	62,317	62,708
	Other receipts	7,250	12,816		Fees paid to Copyists not on the paid establishment	10,299	10,809
					Contingencies and refunds	18,367	20,333
	Total	3,49,868	3,66,360		Total	2,34,162	2,46,440

57. The following statement shows for each district during each of the last two years the receipts from Court-fees and the charges on account of establishments, exclusive of the receipts and charges on account of the preparation of copies, which are considered separately:— Court-fees and Establishment Charges.

	Court-fees realized.		Cost of establishment.	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
	R	R	R	R
Assam Valley Districts	1,19,997	1,28,233	76,425	84,499
Sylhet	1,87,016	1,87,920	1,13,711	1,09,810
Cachar	19,340	20,035	13,408	15,993
Total	3,26,353	3,36,188	2,03,544	2,10,302

Compared with 1892, the receipts of 1893 increased in the Assam Valley Districts, Sylhet and Cachar.

As regards the cost of establishment, there was an increase of R8,074 and R2,585 in the Assam Valley Districts and Cachar, respectively, and a decrease of R3,901 in Sylhet.

Receipts and Disbursements of the Copying Department.

58. The financial result in 1893 of the new system of preparing copies of documents required by parties is shown below:—

	R	R
Copying and comparing fees realized by special stamps	....	15,945
Salary of Copying and Comparing Clerks on the fixed establishment	2,067	
Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment .	10,809	
		12,876
SURPLUS		3,069

The surplus does not include expedition fees for copies required urgently, as these are treated in the accounts as miscellaneous receipts and are not separately shown.

Probates, etc. [*Table T.*]

59. During the financial year 1893-94, R10,294 were realized on the grant of probates and letters of administration, as compared with R7,249 in 1892-93. Of the former amount, R5,659 were levied on account of probates or letters of administration with wills annexed; 44 probates or letters of administration in connection with estates the assets of which did not exceed R1,000 in value, and on which no duty was levied, were granted by District Courts, as against 52 in 1892 and 38 in 1891.

In addition to the cases mentioned above, 173 probates and 191 letters of administration were granted by the High Court in respect of estates situated partly in Assam and partly in other provinces. The corresponding figures for 1892 were 200 probates and 181 letters of administration. These figures have been included in the returns for Bengal also.

Inspection by District Judges.

60. With the exception of the Moulvi Bazar Munsifi, all the Subordinate Courts in Sylhet, including that of the Subordinate Judge, were inspected by the District Judge during the year. In the Assam Valley Districts, all the Munsifis were inspected by the District Judge, except those at Dhubri, Goalpara and Barpeta. In Cachar the Munsifis at the sudder station and at Hailakandi were inspected by the Deputy Commissioner. Thus, 1 of the 7 Subordinate Judges' Courts in Assam and 15 of the 19 Munsifis were inspected during the year under review.

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A

Original Suits instituted, disposed of, and pending in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Judgeships.	Districts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	1,549	1,641	1,555	1,677	243	235
	Kamrup*	1,701	1,671	1,766	1,734	207	212
	Nowgong	1,469	1,589	1,586	1,527	96	206
	Darrang	1,193	1,249	1,159	1,303	136	112
	Sibsagar	1,957	2,213	1,991	2,314	165	146
	Lakhimpur	1,077	1,026	1,133	1,059	92	79
	Total	8,946	9,389	9,190	9,614	939	990
Sylhet	Sylhet	12,553	13,836	13,026	13,507	2,184	2,688
Cachar	Cachar	1,476	1,563	1,477	1,470	201	315
	Grand Total	22,975	24,788	23,693	24,591	3,324	3,993

* Including the Court of the District Judge.

B

Suits and Appeals pending more than one year at the close of 1892 and 1893.

Judgeships.	Districts.	1892.		1893.	
		Suits.	Appeals.	Suits.	Appeals.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	5	...	4	...
	Kamrup*	1	...	...	...
	Nowgong	...	...	...	...
	Darrang	1	...	...	...
	Sibsagar	...	...	...	...
	Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...
	Total	7	...	4	...
Sylhet	Sylhet	25	18	34	149
Cachar	Cachar	1	93	...	1
	Grand Total	33	111	38	150

* Including the Court of the District Judge.

C

Number and Value of Suits instituted in the Civil Courts, 1889 to 1893.

Judgeships.	Districts.	Value in 1889.	Number in 1889.	Number in 1890.	Number in 1891.	Number in 1892.	Number in 1893.	Value in 1893.
		R						R
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	2,33,844	1,085	1,067	1,391	1,549	1,641	2,09,465
	Kamrup*	1,72,729	1,949	1,572	1,646	1,701	1,671	2,48,529
	Nowgong	68,162	1,807	1,714	1,277	1,469	1,589	76,004
	Darrang	80,082	1,327	1,279	1,267	1,193	1,249	73,639
	Sibsagar	1,56,540	1,878	1,735	1,910	1,957	2,213	1,27,386
	Lakhimpur	1,30,159	1,051	1,002	963	1,097	1,026	1,01,789
	Total	8,41,516	9,097	8,369	8,454	8,946	9,389	8,36,812
Sylhet	Sylhet	11,95,956	14,151	14,397	12,838	12,553	13,836	14,00,943
Cachar	Cachar	1,18,411	2,186	1,838	1,420	1,476	1,563	1,18,166
	Grand Total	21,55,883	25,434	24,604	22,712	22,975	24,788	23,55,921

* Including the Court of the District Judge.

D

Number of Suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Judgeships.	Districts.	1892.			1893.		
		For money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.	For money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	1,460	39	50	1,489	71	81
	Kamrup*	1,409	96	196	1,436	57	178
	Nowgong	1,229	162	78	1,467	61	61
	Darrang	1,058	51	84	1,084	86	79
	Sibsagar	1,771	66	120	2,019	66	128
	Lakhimpur	1,044	9	24	979	13	34
	Total	7,971	423	552	8,474	354	561
Sylhet	Sylhet	7,608	2,367	2,578	7,792	3,107	2,937
Cachar	Cachar	1,274	68	134	1,322	65	176
	Grand Total	16,853	2,858	3,264	17,588	3,526	3,674

* Including the Court of the District Judge.

E

Value of Suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Judgeships.	Districts.	1892. For money or movables.	1892. Under the Rent Law.	1892. In title suits.	1893. For money or movables.	1893. Under the Rent Law.	1893. In title suits.
		R	R	R	R	R	R
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	1,88,756	2,386	7,510	1,59,620	3,285	46,560
	Kamrup*	1,58,439	2,683	25,251	1,77,211	1,340	69,978
	Nowgong	47,014	1,517	7,166	72,051	544	3,409
	Darrang	68,077	1,065	5,152	68,374	1,200	4,065
	Sibsagar	1,16,029	1,266	9,131	1,22,249	1,290	3,847
	Lakhimpur	78,759	596	4,876	98,648	282	2,859
	Total	6,57,074	9,513	59,086	6,98,153	7,941	1,30,718
Sylhet	Sylhet	6,79,828	61,505	21,57,910	7,59,852	1,04,750	5,36,341
Cachar	Cachar	85,926	1,630	7,868	92,568	1,865	23,733
	Grand Total	14,22,828	72,648	22,24,864	15,50,573	1,14,556	6,90,792

F

Manner of disposal of Original Suits by the Civil Courts, 1893.

Judgeships.	Districts.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	735	617	325	1,677
	Kamrup*	675	419	640	1,734
	Nowgong	648	316	563	1,527
	Darrang	564	247	492	1,303
	Sibsagar	1,039	396	879	2,314
	Lakhimpur	416	285	358	1,059
	Total	4,077	2,280	3,257	9,614
Sylhet	Sylhet	5,307	4,976	3,224	13,507
Cachar	Cachar	594	619	257	1,470
	GRAND TOTAL	9,978	7,875	6,738	24,591

F 2

Manner of disposal of Original Suits by Officers vested with Small Cause Court powers.

Judgeships.	Districts.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	216	233	63	512
	Kamrup	98	65	56	219
	Nowgong	450	231	355	1,036
	Darrang	219	119	112	450
	Sibsagar	263	123	154	540
	Lakhimpur	142	125	83	350
Sylhet	Sylhet	1,756	2,034	634	4,424
Cachar	Cachar	174	229	43	446
	Total	3,318	3,159	1,500	7,977

* Including the Court of the District Judge.

G

Applications for an order to set aside an Ex parte *Judgment or a Judgment on default, 1893.*

JUDGESHIPS.	DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFS.						SUBORDINATE JUDGES.						JUDGES.					
		PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.		
		To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total.	To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total.	To set aside *ex parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total.
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.	Goalpara	5	16	21	14	16	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Kamrup	35	38	73	53	22	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nowgong	27	71	98	40	34	74	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Darrang	15	36	51	31	23	54	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sibsagar	20	79	99	71	39	110	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lakhimpur	10	17	27	16	11	27	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	112	257	369	225	135	360	2	1	3	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
SYLHET	Sylhet	106	129	235	142	78	220	8	5	13	11	3	14	...	...	...	...	...	...
CACHAR	Cachar	7	17	24	14	7	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL	225	403	628	381	220	601	10	6	16	13	4	17	...	...	...	...	...	...

H

Result of proceedings in execution of decrees in the Civil Courts in 1893.

Districts.	Court	Number of applications in which realizations were made		Amount realized.
		In full satisfaction of decree.	In part satisfaction of decree.	
				R
Goalpara	R	132	216	17,324
Kamrup	R	119	252	38,319
Nowgong	R	149	170	11,677
Darrang	R	130	141	14,879
Sibsagar	R	399	190	32,220
Lakhimpur	R	247	88	26,330
Total	R	1,176	1,057	14,01,079
Sylhet	R	1,683	1,515	2,39,355
Cachar	R	171	88	11,983
Grand Total	R	3,030	2,660	3,92,087

I

Original Miscellaneous Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Judicial.

Judgeships.	Districts.	Instituted		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	162	154	173	161	24	18
	Kamrup*	385	359	381	362	50	42
	Nowgong	168	209	193	177	9	40
	Darrang	148	136	139	152	28	16
	Sibsagar	320	283	304	289	34	32
	Lakhimpur	77	74	84	77	6	4
	Total	1,260	1,215	1,274	1,218	151	152
Sylhet	Sylhet	831	878	847	850	109	144
Cachar	Cachar	117	169	108	154	16	28
	Grand Total	2,208	2,262	2,229	2,222	276	324

* Including the Court of the District Judge.

I 1

Original Miscellaneous Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

NON-JUDICIAL.

JUDGESHIPS.	DISTRICTS.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.	Goalpara . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Kamrup . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nowgong . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Darrang . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sibsagar . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lakhimpur . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total .	...	...	...	...	...	...
SYLHET . .	Sylhet	335	454	333	462	22	14
CACHAR . .	Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL .	335	454	333	462	22	14

J

Appeals instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

JUDGESHIPS.	DISTRICTS.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.	Goalpara . . .	27	50	30	51	8	7
	Kamrup . . .	209	271	295	238	33	68
	Nowgong . . .	51	29	65	25	6	10
	Darrang . . .	18	23	15	14	9	17
	Sibsagar . . .	79	89	63	122	51	19
	Lakhimpur . . .	20	41	20	43	1	...
	Total .	404	503	488	493	108	121
SYLHET . .	Sylhet	597	523	439	411	554	670
CACHAR . .	Cachar . . .	57	56	22	149	149	56
	GRAND TOTAL .	1,058	1,082	949	1,053	811	847

* Including the Court of the District Judge.

K

Number of Appellate Judges and of Appeals preferred and ratio of Appeals to Decisions.

Judgeships.	Districts.	Appellate Judges.	Number of decisions in contested cases against which an appeal lay to the District Court.	Appeals preferred.	Ratio of Appeals to Decisions in which an Appeal lay.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara . . .	1	244	51	20·90
	Kamrup . . .	2	819	266	32·49
	Nowgong . . .	1	187	30	16·04
	Darrang . . .	1	77	24	31·16
	Sibsagar . . .	1	649	91	14·02
	Lakhimpur . . .	1	240	41	17·08
	Total .	7	2,216	503	22·69
Sylhet . .	Sylhet . . .	2	1,965	523	26·61
Cachar . .	Cachar . . .	1	160	56	35·0
	Grand Total	10	4,341	1,082	24·92

L

Number of Appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Judgeships.	Districts.	1892.			1893.		
		In cases for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title and other suits.	In cases for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title and other suits.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara . . .	17	3	7	31	9	10
	Kamrup . . .	143	5	61	166	14	91
	Nowgong . .	35	...	16	22	...	7
	Darrang . . .	12	1	5	16	...	7
	Sibsagar . . .	54	...	25	63	4	22
	Lakhimpur . . .	17	...	3	30	1	10
	Total . .	278	9	117	328	28	147
Sylhet . .	Sylhet . . .	160	144	293	152	122	249
Cachar . .	Cachar . . .	36	2	19	37	1	18
	Grand Total .	474	155	429	517	151	414

M

Value of Appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Judgeships.	Districts.	1892. In cases for money or movables.	1892. Under the Rent Law.	1892. In title and other suits.	1893. In cases for money or movables.	1893. Under the Rent Law.	1893. In title and other suits.
		R	R	R	R	R	R
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	2,814	241	501	6,121	412	1,127
	Kamrup	18,939	186	5,851	27,993	774	9,591
	Nowgong	6,420	...	538	2,651	...	155
	Darrang	1,535	19	276	2,406	...	888
	Sibsagar	6,066	...	1,412	7,792	16	1,616
	Lakhimpur	3,466	...	64	4,755	10	703
	Total	39,240	446	8,642	51,718	1,212	14,080
Sylhet	Sylhet	37,407	7,147	33,419	43,461	4,245	50,024
Cachar	Cachar	6,016	45	1,724	5,223	9	2,849
	Grand Total	82,663	7,638	43,785	1,00,402	5,466	66,953

N

Appeals disposed of.

Districts.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.
Assam Valley Districts	324	39	97	22	11	493
Sylhet	320	36	29	11	15	411
Cachar	92	19	27	5	6	149
Total	736	94	153	38	32	1,053

O

Miscellaneous Appeals.

Judgeships.	Districts.	Instituted. 1892.	Instituted. 1893.	Disposed of. 1892.	Disposed of. 1893.	Pending. 1892.	Pending. 1893.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	3	2	4	2	...	...
	Kamrup	20	16	25	15	...	1
	Nowgong	3	5	3	6	...	...
	Darrang	4	4	2	7	3	1
	Sibsagar	13	9	3	19	11	1
	Lakhimpur	4	...	3	1	1	...
	Total	47	36	40	50	15	3
Sylhet	Sylhet	56	34	67	33	9	10
Cachar	Cachar	2	1	4	2	1	...
	Grand Total	105	71	111	85	25	13

P 1

Work done by District Judges.

Districts.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Number of Sessions Trials.	Number of Criminal Appeals.
Assam Valley Districts .	47	65	7	78	131	14	46	200
Sylhet	114	101	10	176	263	33	55	230
Cachar	85	89	7	73	149	2	15	92
Total .	246	205	24	327	573	49	116	522

P 3

Work done by Subordinate Judges.

Districts.	1892.					1893.				
	Original suits disposed of.	Miscellaneous cases (judicial).	Applications for the execution of decrees.	Appeals disposed of.		Original suits disposed of.	Miscellaneous cases (judicial).	Applications for the execution of decrees.	Appeals disposed of.	
				Regular.	Miscellaneous.				Regular.	Miscellaneous.
Goalpara	9	39	8	30	4	10	38	7	51	2
Kamrup	20	16	17	138	...	14	57	16	77	1
Nowgong	1	29	1	65	3	4	36	2	25	6
Darrang	5	11	12	15	2	3	17	4	14	7
Sibsagar	9	37	3	63	3	10	22	7	122	19
Lakhimpur	8	17	19	20	3	13	13	12	43	1
Total .	52	149	60	381	15	54	183	48	332	36
Sylhet	320	37	150	155	...	290	39	135	148	...
Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total .	372	186	210	536	15	344	222	183	480	36

P4

Showing the number of Suits and Miscellaneous Cases disposed of in each Munsif's Court in 1893.

Districts.	Munsifs.	Suits.				Miscellaneous.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc.	Decided *ex parte*	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	143	95	79	317	72	16	...
	Dhubri	587	519	244	1,350	269	107	...
	Gauhati	470	236	420	1,126	266	170	..
	Burpeta	200	179	208	587	89	57	...
	Nowgong	648	315	560	1,523	317	141	...
	Tezpur	371	173	214	758	128	97	...
	Mungledye	192	73	277	542	139	38	...
	Sibsagar	267	99	279	645	97	102	...
	Jorhat	358	123	227	708	196	105	...
	Golaghat	409	174	368	951	289	60	...
	Debrughur	221	182	215	618	219	44	...
	North Lakimpur	191	98	139	428	104	20	...
	Total	4,057	2,266	3,230	9,553	2,185	957	...
Sylhet	1st Sadar	434	431	238	1,103	380	90	5
	2nd Do.	393	300	277	970	323	65	11
	Karimganj	401	460	193	1,054	340	57	7
	Sonamganj	725	1,012	475	2,212	325	110	13
	1st Habiganj	359	326	289	974	273	104	...
	2nd Do.	1,075	1,137	835	3,047	653	83	...
	3rd Do.	950	542	303	1,795	236	34	275
	1st Moulvi Bazar	609	384	308	1,301	259	42	65
	2nd Do.	293	250	208	751	270	50	86
	Total	5,239	4,842	3,126	13,207	3,059	635	452
Cachar	Assistant Commissioner as Sadar Munsif of Cachar	370	447	116	933	163	41	...
	Hailakandi Assistant Commissioner with powers of Munsif	224	172	134	530	96	40	...
	Total	594	619	250	1,463	259	81	...
	Grand Total	9,890	7,727	6,606	24,223	5,503	1,673	462

Q

Average duration of Cases.

Districts.		District Judges.		Subordinate Judges.		Munsifs.		Small Cause Court Judges.	
		Contested.	Un-contested.	Contested.	Un-contested.	Contested.	Un-contested.	Contested.	Un-contested.
		Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.
Assam Valley Districts	O	0 3 1	0 6 24	0 9 2	0 2 14	0 2 10	0 1 4	...	...
	S	...	...	...	...	0 0 27	0 0 25	...	...
Sylhet	O	0 5 22	0 6 29	1 1 11	0 5 19	0 4 13	0 2 4	...	...
	S	...	...	0 1 1	0 1 0	0 1 14	0 1 2	...	...
Cachar	O	0 9 15	...	...	...	0 4 3	0 1 16	...	...
	S	...	...	...	...	0 1 24	0 0 23	...	...
General Average	O	0 6 7	0 6 27	1 0 7	0 4 5	0 3 11	0 1 22	...	...
	S	...	...	0 1 1	0 1 0	0 1 5	0 0 29	...	...

R

Total Receipts and Charges of Civil Courts, 1893.

Districts.	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.	Deficit.
	R	R	R	R
Assam Valley Districts	139,308	94,986	44,322	...
Sylhet	2,04,923	1,34,156	70,767	...
Cachar	22,129	17,298	4,831	...
Total	3,66,360	2,46,440*	1,19,920	...

* Including exchange compensation allowance.

S

Detail of the Receipts and Charges of the several class of Civil Courts, 1893.

DISTRICTS	Receipts.					Total.	Charges.						Total.
	In Court-fee stamps.		In cash or special stamps				Share of officers' salary debitable to Civil Justice.	Establishment.			Fees paid to copyists not on the paid establishment.	Contingencies and refunds	
	Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Copying and comparing fees.	Other receipts credited to Government.			Process-servers.	Salaried copying and comparing clerks.	Others			
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Assam Valley Districts	32,676	95,557	828	4,939	5,308	1,39,308	44,057	15,373	...	27,998	3,454	4,104	94,936
Sylhet	64,418	1,23,502	339	10,071	6,543	2,04,923	54,051	25,124	1,846	30,635	6,682	15,848	1,34,156
Cachar	5,994	14,041	194	935	965	22,129	8,338	3,580	221	4,075	673	411	17,299
Munsifs	90,916	1,73,417	861	9,499	1,259	2,77,952	65,739	32,144	882	37,071	6,473	10,280	15,2,597
Subordinate Judges	7,980	33,710	550	1,046	89	43,375	16,220	1,463	...	7,010	686	1,426	26,805
Judges	4,192	23,973	...	5,400	11,468	45,033	24,487	10,472	1,175	18,627	3,650	8,627	67,038
Grand Total	1,03,088	2,33,100	1,411	15,945	12,816	3,66,360	1,06,446	44,077	2,067	62,708	10,809	20,333	2,46,440

T

Statement showing the number of Probates, Letters of Administration, Certificates and extended Certificates under Act XXVII of 1860 and Act VII of 1889, granted in the Province of Assam, during the financial year 1893-94 and the amount of duty realized thereon.

Value of Assets.		Number of Probates or Letters of Administration with Will annexed	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Letters of Administration (as in the case of intestacy).	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Certificates under Act XXVII of 1860 or Act VII of 1889.	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of extended Certificates under Section 10 of Act VII of 1889.	Amount of Court-fees paid.
R			R		R		R		R
Exceeding . . 1,000	High Court .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	District Court .	44	...	38	...	259	1,439	22	102
Above R1,000 up to 5,000	High Court .	...	...	1	72	...	...	...	...
	District Court .	15	701	2	66	41	1,662	1	98
Above R5,000 „ 10,000	High Court .	...	...	1	118	...	...	...	...
	District Court .	4	671	1	170	1	110	...	...
Above R10,000 to 50,000	High Court	1	272	1	217	...	...	...	...
	District Court .	2	707	2	366	1	215	...	...
Above R50,000 „ 1,00,000	High Court .	1	1,008	...	...	...	...	...	...
	District Court .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Above R1,00,000 . .	High Court .	1	2,300	...	...	...	...	...	...
	District Court .	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	High Court .	3	3,580	3	407	...	...	...	...
	District Court .	65	2,079	43	602	302	3,426	23	203
	Grand Total .	68	5,659	46	1,009	302	3,426	23	200

U

Receipts and Disbursements on account of Ameens, 1893-94.

Districts.	Permanent Ameens.		Temporary Ameens.		Fees paid for the employment of Munsifs as Commissioners.	Number of Permanent Ameens with grades.	
	Receipts.	Disbursements.	Receipts.	Disbursements.		1st grade.	2nd grade.
	R	R	R	R	R		
Assam Valley Districts . . .	...	...	3,335	3,197	195	...	...
Sylhet	1,809	1,200	615	761	...	..	2
Cachar	...	...	267	264	33	...	...
Add 10 per cent. on account of pension .	...	120	...	...	...	...	...
Total .	1,809	1,320	4,217	4,222	228	...	2

V

Statistics of Local Enquiries in 1893, Assam.

Scale of value.	Number.	Aggregate value.	Average value.	Aggregate cost of local enquiry.	Average cost of local enquiry.	Average time occupied on enquiry
R						
Cases not exceeding . 5	22	78	4	109	5	2
„ „ „ . . 20	27	347	13	219	8	2
„ „ „ . . 50	37	1,341	36	558	15	4
„ „ „ . . 100	31	2,298	74	494	16	4
„ „ „ . . 500	45	8,657	192	448	25	7
„ „ „ . . 1,000	6	3,781	630	335	56	16
„ exceeding . . 1,000	67	5,552	82	873	13	3
Total .	235	22,054	93	3,736	15·89	...

W

Applications for Declaration of Insolvency, 1893.

Districts	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1892.	1893.	1892	1893.	1892.	1893.
Assam Valley Districts . .	30	29	36	21	2	10
Sylhet	10	4	6	8	6	2
Cachar	1	3	...	4	1	...
Total .	41	36	42	33	9	12

W 1

Number of Persons declared to be Insolvents.

Districts.	Declared to be Insolvents.		Discharged.		Pending.	
	1892	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Assam Valley Districts . . .	11	8	11	8	...	...
Sylhet	1	2	...	2	1	1
Cachar	...	1	...	1	...	...
Total .	12	11	11	11	1	1

W 2

Realizations and Disbursements by Receivers.

Districts.	Realized.		Disbursed.		Balance.	
	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.	1892.	1893.
Assam Valley Districts . .	192	49	155	1	...	...
Sylhet	14	...	...	...	250	250
Cachar	...	7	...	10	7	3
Total .	206	56	155	11	257*	253

* Revised figures.

X

Civil Business disposed of in the High Court in 1893.

(APPELLATE CIVIL JURISDICTION.)

ASSAM.

		Remaining at the close of 1892.	Brought before the Court in 1893.	Disposed of in 1893.	Remaining at the close of 1893.
FIRST APPEALS	From Original Decrees of the Courts in the interior	11	11	9	13
	From Original Orders of the Courts in the interior	10	5	8	7
SECOND APPEALS	From Appellate Decrees of the Courts in the interior	48	88	45	91
	From Appellate Orders of the Courts in the interior	3	5	4	4
	Miscellaneous Orders in Courts	2	22	24	...

N. B.—Besides the above, orders were passed out of Court on review of periodical civil returns.

Y

Appeals, etc., instituted in the High Court in the year 1893.

(SHOWING DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS.)

		INSTITUTED IN 1893.						
		APPEALS FROM DECREES.					APPEALS FROM ORDERS.	
		FIRST APPEALS.			SECOND APPEALS.			
		Rupees 10,000 and upwards.	Below R10,000.	Letters of Administration.	Exceeding R50 in value.	Not exceeding R50 in value.	First Appeals.	Second Appeals.
ASSAM	Assam Valley Districts	...	3	1	16	13	1	2
	Sylhet	1	2	2	30	11	4	3
	Cachar	...	2	...	11	7	...	...
TOTAL FOR ASSAM		1	7	3	57	31	5	5

Z

Result of Appeals in the High Court during the year 1893.

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.	OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF. Dismissed on default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.	Appeals summarily rejected under Section 551, Act XIV of 1882.	TOTAL.
ASSAM.										
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.	District Judge	3	2	...	...	...	...	3	...	8
	Subordinate Judge	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
APPEALS FROM APPELLATE DECREE	District Judge	8	3	1	4	1	1	1	7	26
	Subordinate Judge	7	2	1	3	...	1	...	5	19
APPEALS FROM ORDERS	District Judge	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
	Subordinate Judge	5	..	...	1	...	...	...	...	6
	Munsifs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL		27	9	2	8	2	2	4	12	66

Annual Statement 1—(Civil).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising Jurisdiction in Civil Cases at the close of the year, the Work done and the Receipts and Charges of the Civil Courts during 1893.

DISTRICTS.	Area.	Population.	Number of District Judgeships.	Number of Munsifs.	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS EXERCISING JURISDICTION IN CIVIL CASES. — Officers exercising both Original and Appellate Jurisdiction. — Judges of the High Court.		District and Additional Judges.		Subordinate Judges only.		Subordinate Judge with powers of a Small Cause Court Judge.		Small Cause Court Judge, with powers of a Subordinate Judge.		Officers exercising Original Jurisdiction only. — Small Cause Court Judges only.		Munsifs.		Number of Civil Cases originally Decided.						Total number of Miscellaneous Cases decided.	Number of Civil Appeals decided.				Total number of Miscellaneous Appeals decided.	Total Receipts of Civil Courts.	Total Charges of Civil Courts.
					European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	European.	Native.	By the High Court.	By District and Additional Judges.	By Small Cause Court Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	By Munsifs.	Total.		By the High Court.	By District Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	Total.		R	R
Assam Valley Districts.																																
Goalpara	3,954	452,304	1	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	7	...	10	1,667	9,614	161	...	161	51	493	2	1,39,308	94,986
Kamrup	3,660	634,249		2	...	...		...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...		...	14	1,713		362	...		77		15		
Nowgong	3,258	344,141		1	...	...		...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...		...	4	1,523		177	...		25		6		
Darrang	3,418	307,761		2	...	...		...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...		...	3	1,300		152	...		14		7		
Sibsagar	2,855	457,274		3	...	...		...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...		...	10	2,304		289	...		122		19		
Lakhimpur	3,724	254,053		2	..	...		...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...		...	13	1,046		77	...		43		1		
Total	20,869	2,449,782	1	12	...	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	13	...	7	...	54	9,553	9,614	1,218	...	161	322	493	50	1,39,308	94,986
Sylhet	5,414	2,154,593	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	10	...	290	13,207	13,507	850	...	263	148	411	33	2,04,923	1,34,156
Cachar	2,472	367,542	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	7	...	...	1,463	1,470	154	...	149	...	149	2	22,129	17,298
Grand Total	28,755	4,971,917	3	19	...	...	3	...	6	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	7	24	...	24	...	344	24,023	24,591	2,222	...	573	480	1,053	85	3,66,360	2,46,440*

* Including exchange compensation allowance.

Annual Statement 2—(Civil).

Statement showing the Number and Description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Province of Assam in the year 1893.

Class of Tribunals.		Suits for money or movable property.	Suits under the Rent Law.						Title and other suits.									
			Arrears of rent with out ejectment.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	For penalties, damages, or compensation for unlawful acts on the part of landlord or tenant.	For ejectment or recovery of possession alone.	All other suits under the Rent Law.	Total.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for specific relief.	Suits to establish a right of pre-emption.	Mortgage suits.	Suits relating to religious and other endowments.	Matrimonial suits.	Testamentary suits.	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.	Grand Total.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																		
I.—Civil Courts.																		
Unpaid Tribunals		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals.	Under ordinary procedure	9,406	3,465	4	6	34	8	3,517	1,541	1,318	19	417	1	194	...	101	3,591	16,514
	Under Small Cause Court powers	7,919	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,919
Small Cause Courts	As Small Cause Court Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Under powers of Subordinate Judge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	Under ordinary procedure	66	2	...	1	...	6	9	40	...	2	19	...	1	...	2	64	139
	Under Small Cause Court powers	192	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	192
Chief Courts of Districts		5	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	19	24
Total		17,588	3,167	4	7	34	14	3,526	1,583	1,318	21	436	1	195	17	103	3,674	24,788
II.—Revenue Courts.																		
Unpaid Tribunals		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts—Collectors		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior		17,588	3,467	4	7	34	14	3,526	1,583	1,318	21	436	1	195	17	103	3,674	24,788

Annual Statement 3—(Civil).

Statement showing Number and Value of Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Province of Assam in the year 1893.

Class of Courts.	Number of suits instituted in the different courts.																			Total Value of Suits.
	Value not exceeding R10.			Value not exceeding R50.			Value not exceeding R100.			Value not exceeding R500.			Value not exceeding R1,000.	Value not exceeding R5,000.	Value not exceeding R10,000.	Value not exceeding R1,00,000.	Value exceeding R1,00,000.	The value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Total.	
	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.								
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																				
I.—Civil Courts.																				R
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	1,050	1,555	546	2,084	1,654	1,653	3,393	219	696	2,694	84	505	258	...	...	...	...	123	16,514	13,02,960
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	1,571	...	...	6,305	...	...	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,919	1,90,242
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110	16	11	...	2	139	7,81,926
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	183	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	192	14,568
Chief Courts of Districts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	8	1	2	...	9	24	66,225
Total	2,621	1,555	546	8,389	1,654	1,653	3,619	219	697	2,703	84	508	258	118	17	13	...	134	24,788	23,55,921
II.—Revenue Courts.																				
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts—Collectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	2,621	1,555	546	8,389	1,654	1,653	3,619	219	697	2,703	84	508	258	118	17	13	...	134	24,788	23,55,921

Annual Statement 4—(Civil).

Statement showing the General Result of the Trial of Civil and Revenue Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Assam in the year 1893.

Part I.—Civil Suits.

Class of Courts.	Number of suits before the Courts.							Number of suits disposed of.																Average number of days the suits were pending.	
									Without Trial.			Without Contest.				On reference to Arbitration.		With Contest.						
	Pending from last year.	Instituted in 1893.	Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under Section 562 of Act X of 1877.	Reviews under Section 626.	Revived under Sections 98, 103, 108, or 371.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending at close of year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Contested.	Uncontested.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																									
I.—Civil Courts.																									
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals. — Under ordinary procedure	2,676	16,514	49	44	31	240	19,554	9	33	2,977	470	2,290	856	4,626	48	41	20	3,529	1,547	16,437	3,108	1,000	101	52
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals. — Under Small Cause Court powers	507	7,919	128	...	13	125	8,692	162	3	2,094	66	562	539	3,036	17	6	3	1,035	425	7,786	744	1	35	29
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure	114	139	2	1	...	5	261	1	...	9	...	18	5	39	1	1	...	61	19	153	107	76	367	125
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers	13	192	...	...	...	6	211	...	...	34	1	9	10	106	...	...	...	19	12	191	20	...	31	30
Chief Courts of Districts	14	24	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	11	9	24	14	11	187	207
Total of each class for Civil Courts. — Suits for money or movables	1,897	17,588	168	18	33	292	19,996	168	20	3,836	180	1,625	1,307	6,321	43	37	19	3,058	1,205	17,651	2,177	327	67	35
Total of each class for Civil Courts. — Suits under the Rent Law	342	3,526	...	5	1	33	3,907	...	2	723	186	703	57	1,002	3	...	...	531	200	3,407	500	126	125	55
Total of each class for Civil Courts. — Title and other suits	1,085	3,674	11	22	10	51	4,853	4	14	556	172	551	46	486	20	11	4	1,066	607	3,533	1,316	635	140	91
Total	3,324	24,788	179	45	44	376	28,756	172	36	5,115	538	2,879	1,410	7,809	66	48	23	4,655	2,012	24,591	3,993	1,088	91	44
II.—Revenue Courts.																									
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts—Collectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	3,324	24,788	179	45	44	376	28,756	172	36	5,115	538	2,879	1,410	7,809	66	48	23	4,655	2,012	24,591	3,993	1,088	91	44

Annual Statement 4—(Civil).

Statement showing the General Result of the Trial of Civil and Revenue Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Assam in the year 1893.

Part II.—Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial).

Class of Courts.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1893.	Received otherwise.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of												Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending at close of year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average number of days the cases were pending.
									Without Trial.			Without Contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With Contest.					
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under Section 562, Act X of 1877.	Reviewed under Section 626.	Revived under Sections 99, 103, 108.			Applications rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.				
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																								
I.—Civil Courts.																								
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	182	1,658	41	1	1	14	1,897	11	40	264	4	58	15	358	31	...	...	568	335	1,673	213	23	40	
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	24	234	3	1	...	2	264	1	6	35	2	5	1	124	6	...	...	28	15	222	41	10	57	
Chief Courts of Districts	70	370	4	...	1	...	445	48	1	32	2	1	9	218	10	...	...	31	23	327	70	23	78	
Total	276	2,262	48	2	2	16	2,606	60	47	331	8	64	25	700	47	...	...	627	373	2,222	324	56	47	
II.—Revenue Courts.																								
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts—Collectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	276	2,262	48	2	2	16	2,606	60	47	331	8	64	25	700	47	...	...	627	373	2,222	324	56	47	

Note.—Twenty-nine cases of contempt of Court under Chapter XXXV of the Code of Criminal Procedure were disposed of by Civil Courts during the year.

Annual Statement 5—(Civil).

Statement showing the Business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Province of Assam in the year 1893.

Part I.—Appeals from Decrees.

Class of Courts.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1893.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Decisions confirmed under Section 551.	Dismissed for default, Sections 556, 557, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average number of days the appeals were pending.	Objections under Section 561 of Act X of 1877.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Reviews under Section 638, Act X of 1877.	Remands under Section 562.	Revivals under Sections 558, 560.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.					
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																							
Appeals from Original Decrees.																							
A.—Civil Courts.																							
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District	100	232	253	2	2	1	591	2	15	16	2	1	4	...	304	40	72	26	480	109	68	221	23
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	710	850	2	...	1	2	1,565	254	...	16	12	2	7	1	403	51	70	11	573	738	608	331	52
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total of each Class for Civil Courts. — Appeals from decisions in suits for money or movables	305	517	93	1	...	2	918	89	14	13	8	1	7	...	358	51	86	16	554	275	201	242	35
In suits under the Rent Law	125	151	6	...	1	...	283	7	...	6	5	2	1	...	105	15	11	4	149	127	91	275	8
In Title and other Suits	381	414	156	1	2	1	955	160	1	13	1	...	3	1	244	25	45	17	350	445	384	345	32
Total	811	1,082	255	2	3	3	2,156	256	15	32	14	3	11	1	707	91	142	37	1,053	847	676	281	75
B.—Revenue Courts.																							
Collectors' Appellate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	811	1,082	255	2	3	3	2,156	256	15	32	14	3	11	1	707	91	142	37	1,053	847	676	281	75
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																							
Appeals from Original Decrees.																							
Chief Court of Province. — From decisions by Courts in the interior	11	11	...	..	...	...	22	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	9	13	12	430	...
From decisions on the Original Side	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Appeals from Appellate Decrees.																							
Chief Court of Province. — From decisions by Appellate Courts in the interior	48	88	...	...	...	..	136	...	12	4	...	...	...	...	15	2	5	7	45	91	69	315	1
From decisions by a single Judge or Bench on Appeal in the Chief Court	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	59	99	...	...	..	...	158	...	12	8	...	...	...	...	18	2	7	7	54	104	81	334	1

Annual Statement 5—(Civil).

Statement showing the Business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Province of Assam in the year 1893.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.

CLASS OF COURT.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1893.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, Section 561.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted	Heard ex-parte.				Contested.				Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than four months.	Average number of, days the appeals were pending.	Objections under Section 561, Act X of 1877.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Review under Section 626, Act X of 1877.	Remands under Section 562.	Restored to file under Sections 558, 560.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed	Remanded under Section 562					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																							
FIRST APPEALS.																							
A.—Civil Courts.																							
Chief Appellate Court other than Chief Court of District	15	21	...	1	...	1	38	...	2	...	2	...	1	...	17	...	12	2	36	2	1	135	1
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	10	50	...	...	...	...	60	...	1	4	3	...	2	...	25	...	11	3	49	11	4	80	1
Superior Appellate Court other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Total	25	71	...	1	...	1	98	...	3	4	5	..	3	...	42	...	23	5	85	13	5	104	2
B.—Revenue Courts.																							
Collectors' Appellate Courts	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	25	71	...	1	...	1	98	...	3	4	5	...	3	...	42	...	23	5	85	13	5	104	2
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																							
FIRST APPEALS.																							
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE. — From decisions by Courts in the interior	10	5	...	...	...	..	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	1	1	8	7	5	308	1
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE. — From decisions on the Original Side	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Total	10	5	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	1	1	8	7	5	308	1
SECOND APPEALS.																							
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE. — From decisions by Appellate Courts in the interior	3	5	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	4	4	3	295	...
CHIEF COURT OF PROVINCE. — From decisions of a single Judge or Bench on Appeal in the Chief Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	3	5	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	4	4	3	295	...

Annual Statement 6—(Civil).

Statement showing the result of Proceedings on Applications for the Execution of the Decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Province of Assam in the year 1893.

CLASS OF COURTS.	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH.					APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF									NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS.											
		FILED.				TRANSFERRED.																				
	Pending at the end of 1892.	The decree being those of the Court where execution is taken out.	The decrees being those of other Courts transferred for execution.	Restored to the file for any cause	Total.	To another Court under Section 223.	To the Collector under Section 320.	Decrees wholly satisfied.	Decrees partly satisfied.	Wholly infructuous.	Total.	Pending at the end of 1893.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amount realized.	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested under Section 336, but released without imprisonment.	ON WHICH HIS MOVABLE PROPERTY Was sold.	ON WHICH HIS MOVABLE PROPERTY Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 276.	ON WHICH HIS IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Was sold.	ON WHICH HIS IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Was dealt with under Sections 305, 322 or 326.	ON WHICH HIS IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 276.	On which specific performance was enforced.	ON WHICH POSSESSION WAS GIVEN Of movables, Section 259.	ON WHICH POSSESSION WAS GIVEN Of immovables, Sections 263 and 264.	On which partition was effected, Section 265.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in the preceding columns.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																			R	R						
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																										
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	2,133	11,886	275	35	14,329	214	...	2,938	2,565	6,708	12,425	1,904	380	270,959	41	143	711	371	743	9	317	8	17	919	...	1,013
Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	109	417	18	4	548	19	...	88	95	236	438	110	48	119,434	...	1	19	3	33	...	4	...	...	9	...	34
Chief Courts of Districts	2	13	8	...	23	14	...	4	...	1	19	4	4	1,694	...	...		...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Total	2,244	12,316	301	39	14,900	247	...	3,030	2,660	6,945	12,882	2,018	432	392,087	41	144	730	374	776	9	322	8	17	928	...	1,047
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																										
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts—Collectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	2,244	12,316	301	39	14,900	247	...	3,030	2,660	6,945	12,882	2,018	432	392,087	41	144	730	374	776	9	322	8	17	928	...	1,047

Annual Statement 7—(Civil).

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX, Act XIV of 1882, in the Province of Assam during the year 1893.

Part I.—Showing the Number and Result of Applications under Section 344 and the Number of Insolvents before the Court.

Class of Courts.	Applications for a declaration of insolvency. Number of Applications dealt with. Pending at the close of the previous year.	Filed during the year. By judgment-debtor. Under arrest or imprisonment.	Filed during the year. By judgment-debtor. Not under arrest or imprisonment.	Filed during the year. By decree-holders.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Applications disposed of. Transferred.	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	Granted. A Receiver being appointed.	Granted. A Receiver not being appointed.	Rejected. Penal proceedings under Section 369 not being taken.	Rejected. Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359.	Rejected. Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.	Total.	Pending at the close of the year.	Persons declared to be insolvents. Number before the Court. Remaining at close of the previous year.	Declared to be Insolvents during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Disposed of. Transferred.	Died.	Discharged. Under Section 351.	Discharged. Under Section 355.	Remaining at the close of the year.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts specially empowered	2	26	3	...	...	31	...	7	1	7	6	...	...	21	10	...	8	...	8	...	...	8	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts	7	6	1	...	...	14	...	6	2	1	3	...	...	12	2	1	3	...	4	...	...	2	1	1
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	9	32	4	...	...	45	...	13	3	8	9	...	...	33	12	1	11	...	12	...	...	10	1	1

Part II.—Showing the Number of Estates in the hands of Receivers and the Progress made in winding up.

Class of Courts.	Number of Insolvents' Estates in the hands of Receivers. Pending at the close of the previous year.	Placed in charge of a Receiver during the year.	Number of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.	Amount of Creditors' claims dealt with during the year. Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Admitted.	Disallowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Amount of Insolvents' assets realised and outstanding. Amount of realised assets in the hands of Receivers at the close of the previous year.	Gross amount realised during the year.	Total amount of disbursements.	Amount remaining in the hands of Receivers at the close of the year.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Courts other than Chief Courts of districts specially empowered	...	1	1	...	...	10,569	...	49	10,520	...	49	1	...
Chief Courts of Districts	23	2	9	16	70,560	1,278	...	3,051	43,734	257	7	10	253
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	23	3	10	16	70,560	11,847	...	3,100	54,254	257	56	11	253

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